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Letter dated 7 June 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine regarding the Moscow City Court decision on the case of Roman Sushchenko, who is being unlawfully detained in the Russian Federation (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 72 (c), and of the Security Council.

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Comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine regarding Moscow City Court decision on the case of Roman Sushchenko, who is being unlawfully detained in Russia

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its strong protest against the unlawful decision of the Moscow City Court to sentence Ukrainian journalist Roman Sushchenko to 12 years in a maximum security prison on the fabricated charges of "spying".

The court's disregard of the facts of provocations against Roman Sushchenko as well as gross falsifications of the case, which were proven by defence, is yet another demonstration of the lack of justice in the Russian Federation.

Cynical dismissal by Russia of the fundamental human rights reflects the necessity to strengthen international pressure upon Moscow in order to stop its aggression, repressions and infringements of Ukrainian citizens.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine demands that the Russian side immediately abolishes this groundless judgment, releases Roman Sushchenko and provides for his unobstructed return back to Ukraine.

We call on the world community, international human rights organizations to take all possible measures to expedite the release and return to Ukraine of Roman Sushchenko and other Ukrainian citizens, who have become hostages of the Kremlin regime in Russia's ongoing aggression against our country.